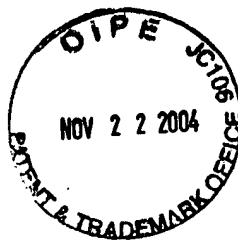


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A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of September 8, 2004, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 8, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

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This application is related to the following co-pending U.S. Patent ~~Application~~ Applications filed on the same day as the present application and having the same inventor and assignee: "System and Method for Placement of User-Negotiated Security Features on Ticket Items," (Docket No. AUS9-2001-0143-US1, Serial Number 09/817,867); "System and Method for Purchasing Ticket Items with User-Negotiated Security Features," (Docket No. AUS9-2001-0229-US1, Serial Number 09/817,868); "System and Method for Maintaining User Security Features," (Docket No. AUS9-2001-0279-US1, Serial Number 09/817,891); and "System and Method for Binding and Unbinding Ticket Items with User-Negotiated Security Features," (Docket No. AUS9-2001-0280-US1, Serial Number 09/817,844) each by Dutta and each assigned to the IBM Corporation.